

# FIREWORKS AT CHAMPION HILL

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Corinthian Casuals 0, Wycombe Wanderers 4.

**A**FTER a damp squib of a first-half Wycombe Wanderers went to work on Casuals' defence after the interval at Champion Hill to give them a fireworks day display that they will want to forget.

Yet it took Wanderers almost half an hour to settle down. After that they controlled the game, and the Londoners can be somewhat grateful that Wycombe's shooting was not as sharp as their approach work.

—Len Worley was once again the highlight of the Wanderers forward line. Continuing his improved form of recent weeks, he continually wrought havoc in the Casuals rearguard with his tricky runs and precision centres.

But the early play was as dull as the day. Neither set of forwards had many ideas, and defences dominated. It took a great goal by skipper Paul Bates a minute before the interval to ignite Wycombe's forwards into a sense of urgency.

Worley centred and the flurried Casuals defence partially cleared an overhead scissors effort from Samuels to the feet of Bates who crashed the ball into the top of the net.

The second-half was all Wycombe. In the 51st minute Worley beat full-back Bunker for the umpteenth time and crossed low across the goalmouth tantalisingly out of reach of goalkeeper James. Samuels was on hand to side-foot the ball home for his easiest goal of the season.

Worley rounded off a masterly display with a good goal. After some clever co-ordination with Samuels and Baker he shot low to the right of James from well out.

Rundle and Roystone were outstanding in Wanderers defence against a poor attack which sadly missed Peter Phillips who was away on university duty.

Maskell didn't have enough to do to keep his hands warm, while in the attack Horseman and Merrick had quiet games. Samuels worked diligently, and was always in the picture, and Bates, who is once again on the goal trail, irritated Corinthians by popping up in every forward position during the afternoon.

It was Bates who rounded the afternoon off with the sort of goal he has become associated with over the years. Snapping up a pass 30 yards out he blasted it goalwards. The ball spun the clutching James around on its way into the net.

If not a wonder show, this was a good away win — and it put Wycombe's goal tally to 80 in 24 matches.

Wycombe: Maskell; Beck, Roystone; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.